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I. POLITICAL SUBJECTS. DESPITE CONTRARY INDICATIONS, THE GATHERING OF WARSAW PACT CHIEFTAINS USUALLY HELD IN THE CRIMEA IN MIDSUMMER MAY NOT TAKE PLACE THIS YEAR. THE SOVIETS SEEM TO HAVE OPTED INSTEAD FOR A SERIES OF BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH THE VARIOUS EAST EUROPEAN PARTY LEADERS. BOTH HUSAK AND GIEREK HAVE BEEN VACATIONING IN THE USSR AND THE FORMER MET WITH BREZHNEV IN THE CRIMEA ON AUGUST 1. PRESUMABLY A GIEREK MEETING WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY. KADAR ALSO SAW BREZHNEV AUGUST 3-4 IN THE CRIMEA. IMMEDIATE TRAVEL PLANS OF THE OTHER EAST EUROPEAN LEADERS ARE UNKNOWN; CEAUSESCU, HOWEVER, IS CURRENTLY PLAYING HOST TO FRENCH COMMUNIST CHIEF MARCHAIS WHO ARRIVED IN BUCHAREST AUGUST 5 FROM CRIMEA.

CRIMEAN CONCLAVES OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS HAD GIVEN THE
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BLOC LEADERS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS OF

MUTUAL PROBLEMS. NO FORMAL COMMITMENTS WERE ENTAILED; TECHNICALLY, THE RESULTANT COMMUNIQUE REPRESENTED MERELY THE VIEWS OF THE CONFEREES. IN PRACTICE, HOWEVER, MOST OF THE PARTICIPANTS APPEAR TO HAVE REGARDED THE CONSENSUS ACHIEVED AS GUIDELINES WHICH THE RESPECTIVE REGIMES WERE

EXPECTED TO IMPLEMENT IN THEIR OWN WAY. THE ROMANIANS FOR THEIR PART HAVE CONSISTENTLY REFUSED TO CONFORM TO THIS PROCEDURE. THE SOVIETS MAY WELL HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS REACHED DURING THE APRIL MEETING OF THE WARSAW PACT POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WERE THE ONLY ONES ACHIEVABLE WITH ROMANIAN PARTICIPATION AT THIS POINT AND THAT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES A CRIMEAN CONCLAVE WAS SUPERFLUOUS.

NEVERTHELESS, TOPICS MOST LIKELY IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE CURRENT ROUND OF BILATERAL TALKS WOULD INCLUDE THOSE LIKELY TO HAVE BEEN ON A CRIMEAN AGENDA:

A. SUMMIT III AND THE COURSE OF DETENTE IN GENERAL;

B. PROMOTION OF FURTHER INTEGRATION WITHIN THE WARSAW PACT, PARTICULARLY ECONOMIC AND MILITARY, THE LATTER IN THE LIGHT OF THE CYPRUS CRISIS;

C. THE WARSAW PACT'S TACTICAL APPROACH TO THE SEPTEMBER REOPENING OF CSCE AND, POSSIBLY, MBFR;

D. PREPARATIONS FOR A PAN-EUROPEAN COMMUNIST CONFERENCE AND PLANS FOR ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF COMMUNIST PARTIES. (IN THIS CONTEXT, IT MIGHT BE NOTED THE SED PLENUM IN EAST GERMANY JULY 4 CLAIMED THAT "PARTICIPANTS" AT THE APRIL PCC MEETING HAD CALLED FOR AN ALL-EUROPEAN MEETING IN EARLY 1975.)
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